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"Fred. #2 dependents"

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: H.R. 7792, S. 2720, To Provide Medical Care For Dependents of Members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

1. In accordance with your request, identical bills, H.R. 7792 and S. 2720 have been reviewed by this Office to determine whether further action by your Office is necessary or desirable.

2. Subject bills specifically concern members of the Armed Forces and their dependents, and have no apparent effect upon the civilian Federal service. From the practical viewpoint of military personnel however, the measures present a realistic approach to a difficult problem.

3. In an Agency such as CIA, which utilizes both civilian and military personnel, there is the possibility that in the absence of legislation affording the civilian Federal service with a Federally supported health insurance program an element of discrimination is suggested. The possibility of ill feeling between Federal military and civilian personnel is thereby created. Therefore, it is suggested for the foregoing reason and since the measures have been specifically proposed for the Armed Forces, that this Agency abstain from any official comment or the establishment of any pro or con position. However, this Office would appreciate information regarding the progress of the bills and their final disposition.

SIGNED

Harrison G. Reynolds
Director of Personnel

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